



# CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Diary for Term 2

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm: Parent and Child Online Safety Workshop for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 <i>Please return your reply slip if you haven't already</i>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play: all welcome
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	5:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play: all welcome
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Come to school in <i>Festive Wear</i> <i>See below for more details of our non-uniform day</i>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Roman Experience</i> Panda Class visit to Ufton Court
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm Christmas Service in the Church
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2, <i>finish at 2pm</i>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of Term 3

### Learning highlights this week...

Children in **Owlet and Owl Classes** have been practising the songs and developing their roles for the nativity: Silent Night or Noisy Night? We can't wait to show you on Monday and Tuesday. Children in **Panda Class** have been researching aspects of life under Roman rule and thoroughly enjoyed making classic theatrical masks to show the comedic and tragic elements of plays. The masks would originally have been made from pottery so a terracotta spray was used for authenticity. We think they look great! Children in **Rhino Class** had a visit from The Dogs' trust last week. They were fascinated to learn about the work that the charity does and learn about the different behaviour of a range of dog breeds. One aspect of the talk focused on the law around keeping dogs as pets and how we can treat dogs respectfully and safely.



### Big Christmas Sing Choir

The Big Christmas Sing Choir performed amazingly well at Oxford Town Hall on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The children were complimented on their singing of "He Is Immanuel" and their concentration on the conductor in the massed songs. Individual congratulations go to: Emma for her solo in "Once in Royal David's City"; Perdy for her flute playing on "O Little Town"; Liam and Elin for their spoken parts in "He Is Immanuel"; and Maisie and Josh for the descant part in "O Come All Ye Faithful". We would also like to thank Mrs Davies for her invaluable help getting us ready in the before-school club and her conducting on the night.



## **Christmas is coming...**

As Christmas is just around the corner we are looking forward to celebrating this special time at Checkendon in a number of ways....

### **Silent Night or Noisy Night?**

We are very much looking forward to the Owlet and Owl production of 'Silent Night or Noisy Night?', which promises to be a very enjoyable retelling of the Nativity story.

### **Christmas Post Box**

The post box will be available in the entrance hall from Monday to post all school Christmas cards. School Council representatives will take responsibility for delivery of the post to recipients around the school.

### **Come to school in *Festive Wear***

Our next ShelterBox fundraising event is 'Come to school in Festive Wear' next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This is the same day as the school Christmas Lunch. Please bring your donations to your class teacher. Thank you for your support. Our ShelterBox totaliser stands at: £299 (Target: £590).

### **Christmas Lunch**

Please don't forget to order Christmas lunch for your child for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December by this Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### ***'Wizard William'***

Finally, on the last day of term, the children will get to see a performance of 'Wizard William' by the West Midlands Children's Theatre. An action packed comedy full of magic and intrigue!! Please look out for letters in book bags tomorrow.

## **Parent Readers**

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who have listened to our readers. We have just completed our termly pupil progress meetings and it really is making a difference. We are now planning our readers for next term so if you would like to volunteer or continue volunteering please speak to the relevant class teacher to arrange.

## **Playtower Phase 2**

Exciting news...phase 2 of the playtower on the field is being installed this week. Thank you to Suzanne Hood-Cree for overseeing this phase.

## **Arrangements for Emergency Closure of the School**

On rare occasions, for example during extreme weather conditions or when the school has no heating or water, the Headteacher and Chair of Governors may have to take the decision to close the school. It is school policy to keep the school open if at all possible, but there are occasions when it would not be possible to operate the school within the health and safety requirements.

In the very unlikely event of an emergency closure during the school day, the school will contact parents via the email contact details kept in school. All children will be kept safely until collected. Please ensure, therefore, that the school has your up-to-date daytime contact details.

In the event of an emergency closure before the start of the school day the school will notify Oxfordshire

County Council and the local radio stations and will send a group email to all parents who receive the weekly newsletter. If parents need to find out whether or not the school is closed they should:

- Check their email
- Look on the county public website: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures);
- Listen to the announcements of the local radio stations:
  - BBC Radio Oxford – VHF/FM 95.2
  - Heart FM (Oxfordshire) – VHF/FM 102.6
  - JACK FM – VHF/FM 106.8

Parents are advised not to call the radio stations otherwise switchboards can become jammed and prevent the radio stations receiving information from schools. Parents may attempt to call the school, but the school cannot guarantee that there will be someone in the office to man the phone.

Our hot school meals are prepared in the kitchen at Langtree School and delivered to Checkendon in time for lunch. Langtree School may be closed on days when Checkendon School is open. We ask therefore that, if there is snow on the ground but Checkendon School is open, parents assume that hot dinners will **not** be delivered, cancel their lunch online and send their child with a packed lunch.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

#### **Running Club**

The last Running Club at the rec in Stoke Row will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at the usual time of 8am for fun running games!

#### **Next term's clubs**

We are currently working on next term's clubs with most clubs continuing and hopefully including pottery. Please find attached to this email, details for next term's music club offered by Emma Davies and football club offered by iPro Football.

#### **Piano Tuner**

This morning we had the school piano re-tuned and some of you were asking for the tuner's contact details. It is Richard Collins on 07805 040809.

## Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

### Locality place based plans across Oxfordshire

Dear All

The draft locality plans for GP practices and primary care in Oxfordshire are now published and available for comment until 17 December. Each Plan identifies the priorities of the local area and outlines ways to make GP services more sustainable and responsive to patient's needs. With health and care services under significant pressure no single GP practice or provider organisation has one solution. However the draft plan maps out how GP practices can work together and with other providers to ensure sustainability and improvements in patient care.

We are grateful for all the patient feedback and to those who have engaged and helped us to develop the plans thus far.

We would now like to hear your views on the ideas and proposals in each of the Locality place based plans for Oxfordshire. To read the place based plan for each of the Localities in Oxfordshire and to take part in the surveys, please click on the link below:

Oxford City: <https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/OxfordLocalityPlan/consultationHome>

North (Banbury, Chipping Norton, Bloxham and surrounding villages):  
<https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/NorthLocalityPlan/consultationHome>

North East (Bicester, Kidlington, Woodstock and surrounding villages):  
<https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/NELocalityPlan/consultationHome>

South East (Wallingford, Henley-on-Thames, Benson, Thame, Chinnor, Sonning Common and surrounding villages):  
<https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/SELocalityPlan/consultationHome>

South West (Faringdon, Wantage, Abingdon, Didcot and surrounding villages):  
<https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/SWLocalityPlan/consultationHome>

West (Witney, Carterton, Eynsham and surrounding villages/towns):  
<https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/WestOxonPrimaryCare/consultationHome>

If you would prefer to comment on Locality place based plans across Oxfordshire as a whole, please email OCCG at [cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net](mailto:cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net) or write to: Freepost OXFORDSHIRE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

Following this second phase of engagement we will collate and analyse all the feedback and input into the final plans. A final engagement report will be published alongside the plans in January 2018.

## Term 2 Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
<b>Monday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	<b>Drama Factory (11/9/17 – 27/11/17)</b> No club on 30 <sup>th</sup> October due to inset day	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk Tel: 07976 652742
<b>Tuesday</b>	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	<b>Stoke Row Running Club (finishes on 19/12/17)</b>	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-5.15	<b>Equestrian Club (31/10/17 – 28/11/17)</b>	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	<b>Dodgeball (14/11/17 to 12/12/17)</b>		Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	<b>Violin (restarting on 20/9/17)</b>	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685 elestr.lee@btopenworld.com
	3.30-4.30	<b>Gymnastics (8/11/17 to 6/12/17)</b>		Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com
<b>Thursday</b>	08.00-08.40	<b>Music Club (7/9/17 to 14/12/17)</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	10:05	<b>Woodwind</b>	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
<b>Friday</b>	08.00-08.45 (Hall)	<b>Relax Kids (3/11/17 to 15/12/17) excluding 1/12/17</b>	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	08.00-08.45 (School Hall)	<b>'Big Christmas Sing' Choir (last one 1/12/17)</b>	Yrs 3-6	Bill Boyer 01491 680693
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	<b>Football (15/9/17 to 15/12/17) Double session on 15/12/17</b>	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	<b>Guitar (restarting on 22/9/17)</b>	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	3pm Community Worship
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term 3, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Spring Holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term 4
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	3pm Community Worship
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term 4, finish at 3.20pm
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term 5
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	3pm Community Worship
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term 5, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Summer Holiday
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of term 6
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	3pm Community Worship
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Reports issued
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm

### **OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL CHRISTMAS COURSE**

DATES: Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st December 2017

WHERE: Magdalen College, OXFORD. (magd.ox.ac.uk)

BOOKING: Via Our Website [www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk](http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk)

*Checkendon C of E Primary School accepts no responsibility for the organisation of external events.*